BOOK OF THE FAMILIES

CONSECRATED TO

THE HOLY FAMILY

OF

JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH

PRACTICE:

NIGHT PRAYERS IN COMMON

BEFORE THE PICTURE OF THE HOLY FAMILY.

When two or three are assembled in my name, I am in the midst of them. (MATTH, XVIII. 20.)

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SUMMARY

OF THE

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. What are the indispensable conditions of membership in the Association of the Holy Family?

a. To be enrolled in the Association by giving the name of the head of the family to the pastor of the Congregation.

b. To have a picture of the Holy Family in one's house.

c. To say daily *some prayer* before that picture.

2. Must the prayer of consecration be said every day?

The prayer "O most loving Jesus", etc. (page 20), is designed by the Holy Father to be said every day. Nevertheless its omission does not deprive of membership.

3. May the prayers of the Association be said publicly in the church?

Yes, if they are approved by the Ordinary and said before a picture of the Holy Family.

4. Do the rules of the Association of the Holy Family bind under pain of mortal sin?

No, but the neglect of their observance deprives of the indulgences to be gained by observing them.

5. May the inmates of seminaries and colleges, and the members of religious communities be enrolled?

Yes, it was so decided by the S. C. of Rites, February 13, 1892.

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BRIEF

ENRICHING WITH INDULGENCES THE UNIVERSAL ASSOCIATION OF THE HOLY FAMILY.

LEO XIII, POPE,

FOR A PERPETUAL MEMORIAL.

When it lately fell to our lot to sanction and approve, by Apostolic letters, the new Constitution of the Association of the Holy Family, We thought it sufficient, in the exercise of our duty and office, to bestow upon the same Association our highest praise, and to recommend it most earnestly to all Christian families.

Our purpose in thus praising and commending it was that the Christian flock, whose eternal salvation has been entrusted to us, should, by the example of the Holy Family and at our invitation, be duly encouraged in the practice of Christian virtue. For Christian virtue in truth is of such strength and efficacy that in its observance for the most part lies as well the remedy of present evils as the warding off of dangers to come. For men are greatly influenced by example, and the better and holier the person is, the more will men judge his example worthy of imitation.

Therefore, it is not to be wondered at that We, whose sole wish and desire is to be able, by encouraging the practice of Christian virtue everywhere, to afford a remedy to present evils and to avoid impending ones, should show an especial good will and interest toward

the Association of the Holy Family, which holds up for the imitation of its members the sanctity of the Holy Family itself. For all who are enrolled in this Association, beholding the exalted virtues of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, must needs reproduce in some way these self-same virtues and endeavor to become better by imitating them. Therefore may this Pious Association live and thrive; may it increase in members and good works; may it grow and extend its influence day by day! Because so long as this Association flourishes, faith and piety and every Christian virtue will blossom again in the family. But as men are wont to be influenced by the hope of reward, We offer as an inducement what lies in Our power to bestow, a reward not frail or perishable, but the recompense of things spiritual.

Moreover, the associates may look forward to a still greater reward from Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, to whose service they have devoted themselves, who will be propitious to their clients in the course of this life, and will also grant that the sweet and holy names of Jesus and Mary may linger upon their dying lips.

Therefore, that this may tend to what is *good* and holy, and may redound to God's glory and the salvation of souls, We, by our Apostolic Authority, and by these presents, wish and ordain that each and every member of the Association of the Holy Family, now and for future time, be free to use the remission of temporal punishments known as indulgences, and the the privileges that are recorded below.

LIST OF INDULGENCES AND PRIVILEGES GRANTED TO THE PIOUS ASSOCIATION OF THE HOLY FAMILY.

Plenary Indulgences.

To each and every member of the Association of the Holy Family who, after a sincere confession and the reception of the Holy Eucharist, shall visit a church or public chapel and there pray for our Intentions, there shall be the right of gaining a Plenary Indulgence on the following days:

I. On the day of their entrance into the Association, after they have recited the Act of Consecration approved by us through the Sacred Congregation of Rites. (To be found at the end of this list, page 7.)

II. On that day of the year when a general meeting is held (according to the custom of the place where the Association exists) for the purpose of renewing their promises.

III. On the feasts of Our Lord Jesus Christ:

1. The Nativity; 2. The Circumcision; 3. The Epiphany; 4. The Resurrection; 5. The Ascension.

Also on the following feasts of the Blessed Virgin:

6. The Immaculate Conception; 7. The Nativity; 8. The Annunciation; 8. The Purification; 10. The Assumption.

Also on the following days:

11. The Feast of St. Joseph, the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary—19th day of March.

12. The Patronage of St. Joseph—Third Sunday after Easter.

13. The Espousal of the Blessed Virgin Mary—23d day of January.

IV. On the titular feast of the whole Association.

V. On any day in each month, which is left to the free choice of the Sodalists, provided they shall recite during the month in their families, before a picture of the Holy Family, the prescribed prayers.

VI. To those on the point of death, and unable to make their confession and receive the Holy Eucharist, but who shall have sorrow for their sins and call upon the Holy Name of Jesus, either with their lips, or, if unable to speak, with their hearts.

Partial Indulgences.

I

Each and every member of the Association of the Holy Family who, with at least contrite heart, shall visit the church in which the Association has been established, or some other church or shrine, and there pray to God for the well-being of Christendom, can gain the partial indulgence of seven years and seven quarantines :

1. On the Visitation; 2. On the Presentation ; 3. On the Patronage of the Blessed Virgin.

4. On whatsoever day these same associates, with their families who have been enrolled, shall gather together before a picture of the Holy Family and recite with contrite hearts the prescribed prayers.

5. On the days on which the associates shall attend the meetings.

II

These same associates may gain an indulgence of three hundred days as often as they shall repeat with contrite heart (in any language) before a picture of the Holy Family the following prayer: O most loving Jesus, etc. (see page 20.)

If, however, there are members who, on account of infirmity or for some other reason, cannot recite this prayer, they will be able to gain the same indulgences by devoutly saying the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be to the Father, five times.

III

The members of this Association can gain once a day an indulgence of two hundred days by repeating (in any language whatever) the following ejaculation:

"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, enlighten us, aid us, and save us. Amen."

IV

Members who endeavor to get other families to become members of this pious and all-embracing Association can gain one hundred days' indulgence.

V

An indulgence of sixty days can be gained by the members of the Association as often as—1st, they devoutly assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and other divine services in the parish-church in which the Association is established; 2d, as often as they recite the Our Father and Hail Mary five times for deceased members; 3d, as often as they shall endeavor to or succeed in reconciling family differences; 4th, as

often as they shall strive to lead back to the way of salvation those families who may have strayed from the path of righteousness; 5th, or exercice their zeal in instructing children in Christian doctrine; 6th, or perform any other pious work that may redound to the well-being of the Association.

All these indulgences are applicable to the Souls in purgatory.

PRIVILEGES.

TO MEMBERS IN GENERAL.

The Mass offered up for a deceased member, at any altar whatever, has all the benefits of a privileged altar.

TO PARISH-PRIESTS.

1. They enjoy the benefits of a privileged altar on any three days of the week they choose, provided they have not the benefits of a privileged altar for some other reason.

2. They have the faculty to bless outside of Rome beads, rosaries, crosses, crucifixes, small statues, and medals, and to apply to them all the indulgences which the Sovereign Pontiff usually grants. (1) This faculty, however, is only to be exercised for members already received into the Association: 1st, on the day when they become members; 2d, on the day when they solemnly renew their act of consecration.

(1) These Indulgences are termed *Apostolic*. The *Elenchus* can be seen in Beringer (Indulgences, vol. I, page 339.)

AN ACT OF CONSECRATION,

TO BE RECITED BY CHRISTIAN FAMILIES WHO CONSECRATE THEMSELVES TO THE HOLY FAMILY.

"O Jesus, our most loving Saviour, Thou Who wast sent down from heaven to enlighten the world by Thy teaching and example, and Who didst will to pass the greater part of Thy holy life in lowliness at Thy home in Nazareth, subject to Mary and Joseph, and thereby didst hallow the household which was to be the pattern for all Christian families, do Thou in Thy goodness receive our household, which this day consecrates itself to Thee; protect and guard us, strengthen us in Thy holy fear, establish in our hearts the peace and concord of Christian charity, so that each one of us, becoming like to the Divine Model of Thy Family, may be sharer of eternal joy."

"O Mary, most loving Mother of Jesus Christ, our Mother, through thy love and mercy intercede that Jesus receive this act of consecration, and pour out upon us His graces and blessings."

"O Joseph, most holy Guardian of Jesus and Mary, help us by thy prayers in all our necessities both of body and soul, that, together with the Blessed Virgin Mary and thyself, we shall praise and thank Christ Jesus, our divine Redeemer."

We ordain that each of the above decrees set forth above remain firm and approved and confirmed forever, Constitutions, Apostolic Regulations, and all things whatever to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given in St. Peter's, at Rome, under the ring of the Fisherman, the twentieth day of June, 1892, *the fifteenth year of our pontificate.*

S. Card. Vannutelli.

ABSTRACT OF THE STATUTES

OF THE UNIVERSAL PIOUS ASSOCIATION OF FAMILIES CONSECRATED TO THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH.

1. The scope of the Pious Association is that Christian families be consecrated to the Holy Family of Nazareth, placing it before themselves for veneration and imitation, offering up in its honour every day prayers before its image, and practising in their lives the sublime virtues which the Holy Family offered for imitation to every grade of society, especially to the working class.

2. The Pious Association has its central seat in Rome, and is under the protection of the Cardinal Vicar *pro temp.* of His Holiness the Pope.

3. The Ordinary of each diocese or apostolic vicariate, the better to promote the Pious Association among the faithful, may make use of an ecclesiastic of his choice, with the title of Diocesan Director.

4. The Diocesan Directors will correspond with the parish-priests, to whom alone is confided the enrollment of families in their respective parishes. In the month of May each year the parish-priests will communicate to the Diocesan Directors, and these, under the direction of the Ordinary, will forward to the central seat in Rome the number of families enrolled in the Pious Association during the year.

5. The consecration of families will be performed according to the formula approved and prescribed by His Holiness Leo XIII. The consecration may be performed by each family separately at home, or by many families united in the parish-church in the presence of the parish-priest or his delegate.

6. The picture of the Holy Family ought to be in the home of every family enrolled. The members of the family shall offer up at least once a day, if possible in the evening, prayers in common, in presence of this picture. The formula of prayers approved by our Holy Father Leo XIII, is recommended especially for that purpose; as well as the frequent use of the three well-known ejaculations:

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I offer you my heart and soul.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, may I breathe out my soul in peace with you.[1]

GENERAL CONVOCATION.

The director may appoint a day as the Patron-feast of the Association.

On this day the members of the Association are invited to approach the Holy Table. On the same day they should hold an assembly for the purpose of renewing their promise of fidelity to the evening prayer at the feet of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

[1] For each recital of the above three ejaculations, 300 days' Indulgence; and for the recital of any one of them, 100 days. —Pius PP. VII., 28 April, 1807.

Families not yet enrolled should afford this opportunity to join the Association.

THE SPECIAL MARK

OR PICTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE HOLY FAMILY.

Every society should have its special mark as well as its purpose.

The picture of the Holy Family, *League of eternal union*, with its texts and its 42 historical medallions, is the special stamp of the Association.

EXPLANATION.

The picture contains the principal design of the Holy Family, which forms the back-ground of the picture, and enchased with 42 richly decorated medallions.

The texts which are printed under each medallion, can be explained and developed with great advantage for the instruction of the families.

A good mother will not fail to explain them to her dear children.

The medallions are divided into 3 classes, each of which has its place and its meaning. We can easily recognize the operations of God the Father Creator, of God the Son the Redeemer, and of the Holy Ghost the divine Promoter of catholic works.

The first series contains the 15 medallions placed at the head of the picture and they recall to our mind the religious history of the world, from the creation to the end of time.

The 2d series numbers the 24 ones at bothsides of the picture and recalls the history of the Holy Family, viz: the 12 at the left, the mysteries of the Incarnation and the hidden life, from the nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary until the death of St. Joseph; the 12 at the right, represent the public life of Jesus and the Redemption, from the death of St. Joseph to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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NIGHT PRAYERS.

† In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Placing ourselves in the presence of God, let us adore Him.

I adore Thee, O my God, with the reverence with which the presence of Thy Sovereign Majesty inspires me; I believe in Thee because Thou art truth itself; I hope in Thee because Thou art infinitely good; I love Thee with my whole heart because Thou art supremely worthy to be loved; and for the love of Thee I love my neighbour as myself.

Let us give thanks to God for the benefits we have received at His hands.

What thanks shall I render Thee, O my God, for all the loving-kindness that Thou hast bestowed upon me? Thou hast thought of mefrom all eternity: Thou hast formed me out of nothing; Thou hast given Thy life to redeem me, and Thou continuest to heap upon me every day favours without number. Alas! Lord, what acknowledgment can I make for so many favours? Unite with me, ye blessed Spirits, in praising the God of mercy, who ceaseth not to do good to the most unworthy of His creatures.

Let us beg of God to make known our sins to us

O Holy Ghost, eternal source of light, remove my darkness and dispel those shades that hide from me the filth and enormity of my offences. Show me, I beseech Thee, the sins I have this day committed, in thought, word, and action. Grant me a feeling sense of them, that I may detest them all from the bottom of my heart, and dread nothing so much as ever to commit them hereafter.

Let us examine our conscience on the sins committed against God, our neighbour, and ourselves.

(A moment of silence to examine the faults of this day.)

Behold me, O Lord, overwhelmed with confusion, and penetrated with grief at the sight of my iniquities. I am not worthy to be called Thy child, nor even to be reckoned among Thy servants, because I have repaid thy goodness with malice, and Thy patience with ingratitude. I have offended Thee who art so good, so amiable, and so worthy of my love. Yet, Lord, I am the work of Thy hands, ransomed with the precious blood of Thy own Son, who died for my salvation. Through his infinite merits I implore forgiveness. Have pity on me, and spare me for His sake. Turn away Thy face from my sins, and blot out my iniquities. I am heartily sorry for them, because they are

offensive to Thee, and I shall continue to repent sincerely of them, to the very hour of my death.

Let us steadfastly purpose to sin no more.

How I wish, O my God, that I had never offended Thee ! but since I have been so unhappy as to do what is displeasing in Thy sight, I will testify my sorrow for it by a behaviour altogether different from what I have hitherto maintained. Henceforward, I renounce all sin, and the occasion of sin ; above all, of that into which I have the misfortune so frequently to relapse. And if Thou wilt vouchsafe me Thy grace, for which I ask and hope, I will endeavour faithfully to fulfil my duties, and nothing shall ever be able to prevent me from doing Thy will.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name : Thy Kingdom come : Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread : and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them who trespass against us : and lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee : blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, sinners, now, and in the hour of our death. Amen.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary, ever a Virgin, to blessed Michael the archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, (and to you, Father,) that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary, ever a Virgin, the blessed Michael the archangel, the blessed John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints (and you, Father,) to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May the Almighty God have mercy on me, and forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord give

me pardon, absolution and remission of all my sins. Amen.

Bless, O Lord, the repose I am about to take in order to repair my strength, so that I may be the better able to serve Thee, and, thou, O Holy Virgin, Mother of God, and, after Him, my only hope ; My Guardian Angel, and all ye Saints, my Patrons, intercede for me this night and all the remainder of my life, but more especially at the hour of my death. Amen.

Pour down Thy blessing, O Lord, upon Thy Church ; upon our brethren ; our parents, friends, and benefactors ; also upon our enemies ; protect those whom Thou hast given us for masters, as well spiritual as temporal ; assist the poor and prisoners, the afflicted and those who are travelling ; extend also Thy aid to the sick, and to all those who are in their agony ; convert all heretics and unbelievers.

O God of goodness and mercy ! have pity on the suffering Souls in purgatory, put an end to their pains, and grant to those, for whom we are more particularly bound to pray, eternal rest and happiness. Amen.

LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

LORD! have mercy on us.	KYRIE, eleison.
Christ! have mercy on us.	Christe, eleison.
Lord! have mercy on us.	Kyrie, eleison.
Christ! hear us.	Christe, audi nos.
Christ! graciously hear us.	Christe, exaudi nos.
God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.	Pater de Cœlis Deus, miserere nobis.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.	Fili Redemptor mundi Deus, miserere nobis.
God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.	Spiritus Sancte Deus, miserere nobis.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.	Sancta Trinitas unus Deus, miserere nobis.
Holy Mary, pray for us.	Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis.
Holy Mother of God, pray for us.	Sancta Dei Genitrix, ora pro nobis.
Holy Virgin of Virgins,	Sancta Virgo Virginum,
Mother of Christ,	Mater Christi,
Mother of divine grace.	Mater divinæ gratiæ,
Mother most pure,	Mater purissima,
Mother most chaste,	Mater castissima,
Mother undefiled,	Mater inviolata,
Mother inviolate,	Mater intemerata,
Mother most amiable,	Mater amabilis,
Mother most admirable,	Mater admirabilis,
Mother of our Creator,	Mater Creatoris,
Mother of our Redeemer,	Mater Salvatoris,
Virgin most prudent,	Virgo prudentissima,
Virgin most venerable,	Virgo veneranda,
Virgin most renowned,	Virgo prædicanda,

pray for us. ora pro nobis.

Virgin most powerful,	Virgo potens,	
Virgin most merciful,	Virgo clemens,	
Virgin most faithful,	Virgo fidelis,	
Mirror of justice,	Speculum justitiæ,	
Seat of wisdom,	Sedes sapientiæ,	
Cause of our joy,	Causa nostræ lætitiæ,	
Spiritual vessel,	Vas spirituale,	
Vessel of honour,	Vas honorabile,	
Vessel of singular devotion,	Vas insigne devotionis,	
Mystical rose,	Rosa mystica,	
Tower of David,	Turris Davidica,	
Tower of ivory,	Turris eburnea,	
House of gold,	Domus aurea,	
Ark of the covenant,	Fœderis arca,	
Gate of heaven,	Janua cœli,	
Morning star,	Stella matutina,	
Health of the weak,	Salus infirmorum,	ora pro nobis.
Refuge of sinners,	Refugium peccatorum,	
Comforter of the afflicted.	Consolatrix afflictorum,	
Help of christians,	Auxilium christianorum	
Queen of Angels,	Regina Angelorum,	
Queen of Patriarchs,	Regina Patriarcharum,	
Queen of Prophets,	Regina Prophetarum,	
Queen of Apostles,	Regina Apostolorum,	
Queen of Martyrs,	Regina Martyrum,	ora pro nobis.
Queen of Confessors,	Regina Confessorum,	
Queen of Virgins,	Regina Virginum,	
Queen of all Saints,	Regina Sanctorum omnium,	
Queen conceived without original sin,	Regina sine labe origiuali concepta,	
Queen of the Most Holy Rosary,	Regina Sacratissimi Rosarii,	

pray for us.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, Spare us, O Lord	Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, parce nobis, Domine.
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, Graciously hear us, O Lord	Agnus, etc., exaudi nos, Domine.
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us.	Agnus, etc., miserere nobis.
Christ, hear us.	Christe, audi nos.
Christ, graciously hear us.	Christe exaudi nos.
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.	Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei genitrix.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.	Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

Let us pray.	*Oremus.*
POUR forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.	GRATIAM tuam, quæsumus, Domine, mentibus nostris infunde; ut qui, Angelo nuntiante, Christi Filii tui Incarnationem cognovimus, per passionem ejus et crucem ad resurrectionis gloriam perducamur. Per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all the snares of

the enemy; let Thy holy Angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace, and may Thy blessing be always upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ye happy Souls, who are now in the enjoyment of eternal glory, obtain from Him, who is our God and Father as well as yours, that we may never more offend Him by mortal sin, and that He may take from us whatever is displeasing to Him.

A PRAYER TO BE SAID EVERY DAY BEFORE A PICTURE OF THE HOLY FAMILY.

"O most loving Jesus. Who didst hallow by Thy surpassing virtues and the example of Thy home-life the household Thou didst choose to live in whilst upon earth, mercifully look down upon this family, whose members, humbly prostrate before Thee, implore Thy protection. Remember that we are Thine, bound and consecrated to Thee by a special devotion. Protect us in Thy mercy, deliver us from danger, help us in our necessities, and impart to us strength to persevere always in the imitation of Thy Holy Family, so that, by serving Thee and loving Thee faithfully during this mortal life, we may at length give Thee eternal praise in heaven.

O Mary, dearest Mother, we implore thy

assistance, knowing that thy divine Son will hearken to thy petitions.

And thou, Most glorious Patriarch, St. Joseph, help us with thy powerful patronage, and place our petitions in Mary's hands, that she may offer them to Jesus Christ." (300 *days' ind., each time.*)

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I offer you my heart and soul. (100 *days' ind.*)

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last agony. (100 *days' ind.*)

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, may I breathe out my soul in peace with you. (100 *days' ind.*)

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, enlighten us, aid us, and save us. Amen. (200 *days' ind., once a day.*)

PRAYER OF SAINT BERNARD.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my mother. To thee I come: before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen. (300 *days' ind. Plenary in the month.*)

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH,

To be offered throughout the catholic world during the month of October.

We fly to thee, O Blessed Joseph, in our tribulations, and imploring the aid of thy most

holy Spouse, confidently invoke thy patronage also. By that charity which united thee with the Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God, and by the fatherly love with which thou didst embrace the Infant Jesus, we humbly beseech thee to look benignly on the inheritance which Jesus Christ acquired by His Blood, and help us in our necessity by their power and aid.

Protect, O most provident Guardian of the Holy Family the elect children of Jesus Christ; ward off from us, O most loving Father, all pestilence of errors and depravity; be propitious to us from heaven, O most powerful Protector, in this our struggle with the power of darkness; and as thou didst once rescue the child Jesus from the greatest peril to His life, so now defend the Holy Church of God from the snares of the enemy and all adversity; and shield each one of us with thy perpetual patronage, that imitating thy example, and supported by thy aid, we may be enabled to live a holy life, die piously, and attain everlasting bliss in heaven. Amen. POPE LEO XIII. (*Indulgence of* 7 *years and* 7 *Quarantines.*)

DE PROFUNDIS.

Ps. 129. De profundis clamavi ad te Domine : * Domine, exaudi vocem meam.

Fiant aures tuæ intendentes * in vocem deprecationis meæ.

Si iniquitates observaveris, Domine, * Domine, quis sustinebit ?

Quia apud te propitiatio est, * et propter legem tuam sustinui te, Domine.

Sustinuit anima mea in verbo ejus, * speravit anima mea in Domino.

A custodia matutina usque ad noctem, * speret Israel in Domino.

Quia apud Dominum misericordia, * et copiosa apud eum redemptio.

Et ipse redimet Israel * ex omnibus iniquitatibus ejus.

℣. Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine,

℟. Et lux perpetua luceat eis.

℣. Requiescant in pace. ℟. Amen.

℣. Domine, exaudi orationem meam,

℟. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

OREMUS.

Fidelium, Deus, omnium conditor et redemptor, animabus famulorum famularumque tuarum remissionem cunctorum tribue peccatorum, ut indulgentiam, quam semper optaverunt, piis supplicationibus consequantur ; qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

℣. Requiescant in pace.

℟. Amen.

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The Holy Father Leo XIII, by his brief, *Neminem fugit*, dated June 14, 1892, has decreed as follows:

1. All the Associations of the Holy Family now existing, except religious congregations and confraternities properly so called, canonically erected, are united in this the sole general Association.

2. Those congregations and confraternities which have heretofore been engaged in enrolling families must henceforth wholly abstain from this sort of work, which is committed to the parish-priest alone.

3. However it is not necessary that those families already enrolled in an association should be again enrolled in order to gain the Indulgences and spiritual gifts, provided they observe what is prescribed in the new statutes.

The evening prayer in common before the picture of the Holy Family, and *the annual convocation in the parish-church* are the only practices of the Association.

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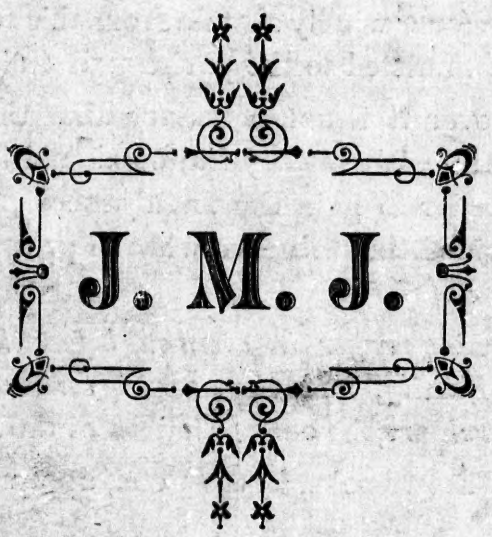
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